

DETAILED ACTION

1. According to paper filed on May 22, 2008, the applicants have canceled claims 21-23, 25-30, 34-37, 40 and 41 and furthermore, have amended claim 1. The applicants have also submitted a new abstract.
2. Claims 1-20, 24, 31-33, 38 and 39 are now pending in the application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. The following amendment is pursuant to a telephone conversation with the applicant's attorney, Mr. Curtis C. Panzer on June 24, 2008. The following changes have been made in claims:

Cancel claims 24, 32, 33 and 38.

In claim 5, page 9, definition of variable E, after S, delete ----- or O -----.

In claim 17, line 2, after CH, insert --- . -----.

4. Claims 1-20, 31 and 39, renumbered as claims 1-22, are allowed since the applicants have amended claims to overcome all rejections.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charanjit S. Aulakh whose telephone number is (571)272-0678. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Janet Andres can be reached on (571)272-0867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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